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ZAIRE

1. WHILE EMBASSY HAS NOT FELT IT NECESSARY TO REPORT
CONTINUOUS PATTERN OF SOVIET CRITICISM OF OTRAG
ACTIVITIES IN ZAIRE, OTRAG PORTION OF ZAIRE ROUNDUP
IN N. KHOKHLOV ARTICLE IN JUNE 14 WEEKLY LITERATURNAYA
GAZETA SEEMS TO GO A GOOD DEAL FURTHER THAN USUAL IN
ITS ABSURDITY AND IS, THEREFORE, WORTHY OF NOTE.

2. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED). HAVING SARCASTICALLY
DESCRIBED "RESCUE" OF EUROPEANS IN SHABA PROVINCE,
KHOKHLOV CLAIMS THAT, IN PARTICULAR, OTRAG ENGINEERS,
MISSILE SPECIALISTS, AND ADMINISTRATORS WERE "RESCUED."
INDEED, HE SAYS, RESCUE OF THESE SPECIALISTS, SOME
OF WHOM HAD LIVED IN U.S. AND WORKED AT SPACE CENTER
THERE, WAS "ONE OF CHIEF TASKS" WHICH INDUCED THE
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AGGRESSORS TO ORGANIZE SUCH A QUICK AND BRAZEN INVASION.
IT IS NO SECRET, CONTINUES KHOKHLOV, THAT OTRAG
ROCKETS DEPLOYED IN SHABA ARE AIMED AGAINST ANGOLA.
THEIR ASSIGNMENT - THE PROTECTION OF RACIST REGIMES
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. " THE CHOICE OF JUST THIS PROVINCE
OF ZAIRE FOR THE CREATION OF A RESERVE OF NUCLEAR
WARHEADS AND ROCKETS IS FAR FROM ACCIDENTAL," CONCLUDES

KHOKHLOV, "SUCH A VERSION HAS BEEN ARRANGED BOTH BY
THE WEST AND BY THE AUTHORITIES OF ZAIRE." TOON

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